

\*PYRUS SEROTINA Rehder. SURRY COUNTY: naturalized in rich woods, west of Bacon's Castle, no. 7867.

An Asiatic species introduced into cultivation in the middle of the last century.

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AN UNEXPECTED ADDITION TO THE FLORA OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.—During some recent census work on the plants occurring at Pleasant Valley Bird and Wild Flower Sanctuary in Lenox, Massachusetts, a puzzling specimen of plantain was tentatively identified as *Plantago virginica* L. in spite of the fact that the species was not supposed to occur in this region. Now, however, through the courtesy of the Gray Herbarium at Harvard, this unexpected occurrence has received professional verification, and proves to be the westernmost New England station for this form, which otherwise (in New England) has apparently been found only in coastal sections. Altogether perhaps a dozen specimens of the plantain have been found growing on the shore of an artificial pond which has now practically reverted to the wild condition, a location that has repeatedly proved to be a fruitful source of botanical finds otherwise absent or scarce on the Sanctuary. Though attempts to explain the origin of this stray plantain are purely speculative, the possibility that it was introduced in the materials used to build up the shores of the pond is at least suggestive.—GEORGE J. WALLACE, Pleasant Valley Bird and Wild Flower Sanctuary, Lenox, Massachusetts.

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